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Dear Companions And Everyone:

We are now headed for the Fall season. That time of year when we have our 2nd Spring. All those beautiful leaves on the trees turn colors to dazzle our eyes.

Last month was so sad with the passing of Michael Whiting. "I say this as Michael was also a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and Past Commander Knights Templar of Michigan. He was a Brother, Companion and Sir Knight and above all one of the finest men I have ever known, and I shall forever miss him." quoting our Grand Secretary, REC Don Galway. We must be ever mindful of our REC Eldin Miller, Grand High Priest, who is fighting his ailments to stay on this side of Heaven. Many prayers are being sent to you REC Eldin!

On a happier note. I met Tammy Dankenbring, who is the Grand Guardian of Jobs Daughters of Michigan. She has sent us the happenings of this year's Jobs Daughters. We have photos and a wonderful article from her. Thank you, Tammy!

Fraternally,
Jane Todd, Editor of the Triple Tau

P.S.: The OFFICE of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan has moved to Pinckney, Michigan. We have a bigger office and better location for our Grand Secretary. Please make a note the P.O. Box has changed to 1185!



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Greeting Companions:

August will be the Grand Session in Bay City the week of 19th thru 21st.

We also have an Outdoor Degree day on September 11th in the Reed City area.
See <http://grandchaptermi.org/pdfs/outdoor.pdf> for more details.

Fraternally Eldin Miller M.E.G.H.P.

Schedule of Events:

6:30 am Chapter Breakfast Salon B 7:30 – 8:30 am

REGISTRATION Grand Chapter - Grand Foyer 7:30 – 4:00 pm

REGISTRATION Grand Council - Grand Foyer 8:25 am

Distinguished Guests Assemble Grand Foyer 8:30 am

**173rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan Convenes.
Salon C-D 11:30 am**

“Friendship Garden” Ladies Luncheon - Salon A 12:00 pm

Companions Luncheon Salon B 1:00-5:00pm

REGISTRATION for Grand Commandery- Grand Foyer 1:35 pm

Grand Chapter Reconvenes Salon C-D 2:30 pm

Installation of the Grand Chapter Officers – Salon C-D

**Order of High Priesthood will take place 30 minutes after the completion of the
Grand Chapter Session. Davidson Room 1-3.**

Candidates report to Davidson Room 4.

Dinner this evening will be on your own.

Next Time and Place:

The MI Grand York Rite Sessions 2022

Doubletree Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI August 17-21, 2022





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Scribbles of The Secretary

This is the eighth month of 2021, and I would have thought that it would have gotten somewhat back to what was normal. Silly me. We are getting closer, but we are not there yet. Chapters are doing more work and degree work is being performed with new members being exalted, which is a good thing. I do have a problem with the chapters that have new members not sending me the information for the database, it creates confusion for the annual reports along with the scramble that ensues having to try and make the annual reports. Speaking of the annual reports, I have still not received 19 annual returns from chapters. This is a problem coming into the grand session as we will not have an accurate counting for membership, budget, and a whole host of other things that count on membership.

Several things are going on in August. DeMolay will be holding their conclave at the Shrine Center in Clio on the 14th. It will be one day this year. Then we have the York Rite Grand Session.

We are starting another year of Grand Chapter and looking forward to some new things that we are going to try for the year so look forward to more things to come.

When writing this article, I received some news that Michael Whiting Past Grand High Priest had passed to the Grand York Rite above. I say this as Michael was also a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master and Past Commander Knights Templar of Michigan. He was a brother Companion and Sir Knight and above all one of the finest men I have ever known, and I shall forever miss him. Sherry's and My hearts go out to Jeanne and the family in this time of sorrow. May he rest in peace.

Donald.





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Greetings Companions:

With Grand Session fast approaching I have been busy preparing for the upcoming year. My calendar is already filling up with other grand sessions, receptions, and visitations. Preparation has been ongoing but there is still a lot to get ready for. This year's session will be August 19th through 21st at the DoubleTree in Bay City. If you have not made your reservations, please do so soon so you don't have to travel the morning of the session. The Doubletree still had some rooms the last I checked. This year's Grand Chapter is starting at 8:30 am on the 19th. Grand Council will be the next morning, the 20th, with Grand Commandry on Saturday the 21st. It will be a full couple of days as your grand bodies come together to report on the year and to change leadership.

Over the next several months I look forward to working with the other Masonic bodies throughout the state and the Companions of this Grand Chapter. This next year will be an adventure and I look forward to serving as your Grand High Priest. If you need anything, please let me know. All your Grand Officers and DDI's are here to help. We are all just Companions like every one of you. Just because we have some fancy collar on does not change who we are. We are just here to help masonry move forward and to bring more light to all who seek it. See you soon.

Fraternally Yours,

Jeffery A Heaven, Grand King

Greetings Companions!

Our Joint York Golf Outing was July 18th, the day was magnificent with plenty of sunshine, the golfers did their best to beat the course record, but with the help of mulligans, they came close. I would like to give a special thanks to REC Tom Black and Randy Galbraith for working hard on obtaining those great prizes. Also, would like to thank Jan and John from the Gladwin Heights Golf Course for their hospitality.

The One Hundred Seventy-Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan Royal Arch Masons will take place on August 19, 2021, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City, hoping to see you there. Also, I will be seeking election to the Grand King. I will take this time to THANK all the Past Grand Officers for being my sounding board and for their support and good advice.

The upcoming date to remember is September 11, 2021, Outdoor Degrees for Chapter in the Reed City area bring those Candidates that have been waiting.

In Brotherly Love and Friendship,
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Greetings Companions:

Summer is moving along very quickly, and our Grand York Rite session is just about here. The date is August 19th, 20th, and 21st at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bay City. It is good to see the activities of the York Rite getting back to normal after almost everything last year was being called off or done remotely. At this time two names have been submitted for the open chair.

An Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day has been planned for September 11th in Reed City. Lunch will be served between the Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch Degree. If interested in attending contact Tom Black at 616-438-8371 to sign up.

I hope everyone is enjoying a warm relaxing summer and looking forward to getting back to the Chapter fellowship and Degree work. Stay Safe.

Fraternally,

REC Dave Montgomery,
Grand Royal Arch Captain



JULY 2021 TRIPLE TAU

28 Schools of Instruction were reported. 63% completion rate.

22 Inspections were reported. 79% completion rate.

17 Masters Pins presentation reports have been received. 39% completion rate.

96 Violations of Michigan Capitular Law have been reported and recorded.

The total miles traveled by all District Deputy Instructors and the Executive Director as of June 15, 2021, is 8,546.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis D. Scott Jr., P.H.P.
Executive Director of District Deputy Instructors
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Michigan



Many thanks to REC Jeff Heavens, our Grand King, for the 3 photos from the York Rite picnic held in Gladwin.
Editor, Jane Todd

Youth Group Updates

With Tammy Dankenbring, Grand Guardian Job's Daughters of Michigan

Michigan Job's Daughters started the 2020-2021 Grand Family year on July 10 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Joint Installation of Officers was held in the Ambassador Ballroom of the Amway Grand Plaza. Tammy Dankenbring - Grand Guardian from Grand Rapids, Jay Giese – Associate Grand Guardian from Menominee, and Briahna as Grand Bethel Honored Queen from Genesee. Our theme is to Dream BIG. We want everyone to realize their potential and be able to achieve any dreams they put their mind to.

It was amazing to be together with so many of our Masonic Families. The love and support offered were felt throughout the room.

The year is starting with a mission of rebuilding and growth, a goal of 6 new members in each Bethel. So watch for our promotion team to be sharing events happening near you! Not only are we asking the Bethels to build aggressively, but we are also offering additional incentives for achieving these goals. The Bethel with the most members initiated (above 6) will earn \$1,000 toward their cost to Grand Session in July.

Fundraising has begun. The ladies of the Grand Bethel Line are each in charge of their Penny War Team, which includes their adult counterparts. They each have a collection container for monies. On the back of their containers are outlined the point value for each type of coin and bill. Some count toward the positive, some count toward the negative but the money all spends the same. The third-place team in December and May will each have to complete a “challenge” at one of the State functions. These challenges will include snow and/or ice so give generously and strategically to those teams you wish to stay dry.

The first exemplification of the year will be in Menominee in conjunction with our H.I.K.E. event where we will be Hiking around the park to earn money for our international philanthropic project H.I.K.E. Hearing Improvement Kids Endowment. Rumor has it we have several candidates slated for this event. Feel free to join us if you want to enjoy a beautiful fun-filled weekend in the Upper Peninsula.

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It is so wonderful to have the Youth Groups back!
Thank you, Tammy!





Outdoor 2021

MM, PM, MEM, RA



In Reed City, carved out of the woods on the eastern border of the Manistee National Forest, is the new home for the Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day. Owned by a Royal Arch Mason, this 5-acre property will host the Outdoor All-Chapter Degree Day the first Saturday after Labor Day every year. Beginning this year, September 11th, 2021.

Beginning at 10:00:

- Mark Master
- Past Master
- Most Excellent Master
- BBQ lunch
- Royal Arch Degree
- Fun, Fellowship, & Hospitality

The first 50 people to sign up will receive hats & polos. You will receive notification if you are NOT one of the first 50 people. This IS outdoors in the woods. Normal attire for this degree will be what you would wear in the woods: hiking boots, jeans, perhaps a red shirt. Wear what you would like; however, this may not be the place for a coat, tie, & dress shoes.

Directions:

Approximately ½ mile north of 10417 220th AVE. Reed City, MI. Follow the Royal Arch signs.

Outdoor Degree Sign-Up Sheet
(Please print legibly)

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Phone _____

Shirt Size _____

Please send information **BY AUGUST 1st** to ensure the correct shirt size. Also, to ensure we have enough food.

Send information to **Tom Black, 2251 Wolfboro Dr., Kentwood, MI 49508**

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